Introduced by Assembly Member Adams

February 11, 2009

An act to amend Section 18403 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 257, as introduced, Adams. Elections: ballot handling.

Existing law prohibits any person other than an election official from receiving, soliciting, or examining a voted ballot from a voter, unless a specified exception applies.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 18403 of the Elections Code is amended to read:
- 3 18403. Any person other than an elections official or a member
- 4 of the precinct board who receives a voted ballot from a voter or
- 5 who examines or solicits the a voter to show his or her voted ballot
- 6 is punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars
- 7 (\$10,000), by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or
- 8 two or three years or in a county jail not exceeding one year, or
- 9 by both the fine and imprisonment. This section shall not apply to
- 10 persons returning a vote by mail ballot pursuant to Sections Section

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- 1 3017-and or 3021 or persons assisting a voter pursuant to Section
- 2 14282.